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BEIRUT PAPERS CARRY PHOTO OF PLANE WRECKAGE WITH U.S. MARKINGS

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(TEXT) BEIRUT--LEBANESE NEWSPAPERS HAVE EXPOSED THE PARTICIPATION OF AMERICAN PLANES ATTACHED TO THE 6TH FLEET IN THE AIR BATTLES ALONGSIDE THE ENEMY.

THE NEWSPAPERS TODAY PUBLISH A PHOTOGRAPH OF A PHANTOM PLANE WHICH WAS DOWNED YESTERDAY NEAR AN-NABATIYAH IN SOUTHERN LEBANON WHICH CARRIED MARKINGS CLEARLY SHOWING THAT IT BELONGED TO THE U.S. AIR FORCE.

THE PAPERS SAY THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE DOWNED PLANE HAD TAKEN OFF FROM A U.S. AIRCRAFT CARRIER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

IT WAS REPORTED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS THAT U.S. MARINE FORCES WERE MOVING TOWARD THE AREA.

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